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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Sixty-First Annual Session
OF THE
Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Kennedy Baptist Church,

LAMAR COUNTY, ALA.,

SEPTEMBER 1, 2 and 3, 1896.

OFFICERS:

W. G. ROBERTSON, MODERATOR Carrollton, Ala.
M. G. LOFTON, CLERK Archer, "

The next session will be held with Spring Hill church, Pickens County Ala., commencing on Tuesday before the first Sunday in Sept., 1897.

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PROCEEDINGS.

KENNEDY CHURCH, September, 1, 1896.

The Union Association met in its sixty-first annual session, and was called to order by the Moderator, Elder H. B. Chappell. The Association joined in singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," the Moderator read Psalms 102, and the invocation was lead by Elder J. P. Lee.

Letters were read by brethren W. G. Robertson and G. W. Kerr, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—J. A. Hamilton, D. O. Baird, W. H. Sauford.

Liberty—S. P. Sloan, J. J. Doughty.

Mt. Pleasant—J. S. Free.

Fellowship—G. W. Kerr, S. A. Cummiford.

Spring Hill—Abner Smith, J. F. Clegg, G. B. Coleman.

Millport—G. S. Keenum.

Kennedy—W. H. Smothers, A. B. Collins, C. A. Beasley.

New Salem—

Pleasant Grove—J. G. Cobb, A. P. Bobitt, A. J. Shaw.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Arbor Springs—T. S. Wilkins, W. A. Keating.
Mineral Springs—R. J. Bryant.
Hebron—J. A. Shepherd, J. M. Harper.
Big Creek—W. P. Chappell.
Oak Ridge—Dr. H. L. Williams
McBee—Miss Fannie Duncan, Miss Lula Duncan.
Cross Roads—
Hickory Grove—J. M. Gentry, J. D. Brown.
Spring Hill P.—Elder J. P. Lee, M. G. Lofton.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Pickensville—J. R. Long, Jr.
Carrollton—J. B. Small, W. G. Robertson, W. P.
Owings.
Unity—
Enon—
Ebenezer—J. A. McDaniel, C. W. Free.
Mt. Zion—J. T. Craft, J. W. Colvin.
Prairie—

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Beulah—S. S. Thornton, H. S. Thornton.
Bethel—
New Hope—Phillips Noble.
Forest—W. H. Teer, John Upchurch, M. C. Hudgins.
Shiloh—J. D. Ray.
Chalcedony—J. T. Burroughs, J. P. Anders, J. R.
Strickland.
Zion—
Cornelius Chapel—M. C. Montgomery, Wm. Lett, Searcy Stephens.
Flat Woods—

Elder H. B. Chappell not being a delegate to the Association, W. G. Robertson was chosen Moderator, and M. G. Lofton, Clerk. Under a suspension of the order of business, petitionary letters from Cornelius Chapel and Flat Woods churches were read, the churches received and assigned to the Fourth District.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder H. B. Chappell. The subject was: The Resurrection.

2 P. M.—Prayer by Dr. D. O. Baird. Read Constitution and rules of Decorum. The following temporary committees were appointed:

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

A. B. Collins, Elder G. W. Kerr and W. H. Teer.

Documents—Dr. H. L. Williams, John Upchurch, and John R. Long, Jr.

Nominations—W. H. Smothers, C. W. Free and W. P. Chappell.

Apportionment—S. S. Thornton, S. P. Sloane, J. M. Gentry.

FINANCE.

W. P. Owings, H. S. Thornton, and J. S. Free.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Pastors and Deacons of Kennedy church.

Under the head of miscellaneous business, on motion of Dr. Baird, Dr. H. L. Williams was substituted for John Sherrod, Brother Sherrod being absent, on the committee on Preparatory School. The members of the committee on Education being absent, on motion, the Moderator was requested to appoint a new committee. Said committee consisted of brethren J. B. Small, T. S. Wilkins and J. A. McDaniel, and it was ordered that they report on Wednesday.

Brethren W. C. Bledsoe, representing State Missions, J. W. Caldwell, the Columbus Association, J. B. Small, Alabama Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, and J. A. Andrews, Sipsey Association, were welcomed by the Moderator in appropriate remarks and an invitation extended to all visiting brethren to occupy seats with us and to make themselves at home.

Report from the districts:

FIRST DISTRICT.

The next session will be held with Millport church beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in August 1897.

Introductory sermon by Rev. W. A. Estes, Alternate, D. O. Baird. Missionary sermon by W. J. Beaty, Alternate, J. A. Estes.

Query 1st. Should the churches establish and maintain denominational schools? Dr. D. O. Baird.

Query 2nd. Should a non-church member teach in a Sabbath School? By W. H. Smothers.

Query 3rd. Should the house of God be devoted to anything else than religious services? By Rev. G. W. Kerr.

Query 4th. What disposition should be made of a deacon who fails to attend his conference meetings? By Rev. W. J. Beaty.

Query 5th. Should a member support a pastor who fails to visit his house? By Rev. J. A. Estes.

6th. What are worldly amusements? By J. B. Hodo.

Query 7th. Do the Scriptures sustain us in inviting all

of our faith and order to commune with us? Rev. O. E. Wootan.

SECOND DISTRICT.

The next session of 2nd District is to convene with Arbor Springs church on Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 1897.

Introductory sermon by Elder H. B. Chappell, Alternate, Elder J. P. Lee. Missionary sermon by Elder J. P. Lee, Alternate, Elder M. G. Lofton.

Query 1st. Should members of the Gospel discuss politics? Opened by Elder M. G. Lofton.

Query 2nd. What good have temperance organizations done for the church? Opened by Elder H. B. Chappell.

Essay 1st. The rewards of a well spent life. Mrs. B. E. Whitaker.

Query 3rd. What is it to "Be faithful unto death?" R. J. O'Bryant.

Query 4th. What place does the Lord's Supper occupy in the Gospel dispensation? Eddie Ferguson.

Essay 2nd. The omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience of Holy Spirit. Dr. H. L. Williams.

Query 5th. Does repentance precede regeneration? J. R. Wilkins.

Query 6th. What constitutes a call to the Gospel Ministry. Opened by T. S; Wilkins.

Essay 3rd. The Duties of Christians. J. M. Gentry, T. P. Harper, Chm.

THIRD DISTRICT.

The Union Meeting of 3rd District of the Union Baptist Association will convene with Mt. Zion church on Saturday before 2nd Sabbath in August 1897.

Introductory sermon by Elder J. B. Small, Alternate, Elder J. P. Lee. Missionary sermon, Elder J. D. Cook, Alternate, J. B. Small.

Query 1st. Is giving to missions a means of grace? If so; what should be done with members refusing to give? By Thos. H. Sanders.

Query 2nd. What are the benefits to be derived from a religious newspaper in the family? By C. W. Free.

Query 3rd. Is the modern annual protracted meeting conducive to religious activity in the church? By E. P. Ezell.

Query 4th. What effect does ministerial indiscretion have on the cause of Christianity? By W. C. Mayes.

Essay. Christian benevolence. Sister J. J. Ball

Respectfully,

J. H. STINSON, Clerk

FOURTH DISTRICT.

The next session will be held with Beulah church, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Introductory sermon by Eld. James D. Ray, Alternate, Rev. J. D. Hamner. Missionary sermon by Rev. J. H. Curry, Alternate, Eld. J. L. Ray.

Query 1st. What does the following Scripture language mean: Am I my brother's keeper? Opened by Eld. James D. Ray.

Query 2nd. Which is retarding our religious progress most, corruption in office or intemperance? Opened by Bro. J. M. Smith.

Query 3rd. Can a man be converted to the religion of our Lord Jesus and not know it? Opened by Bro. H. B. Durret.

Query 4th. Why I am a Baptist? .Opened by Bro. H. G. Mitchell.

Query 5th. What does consecration to God and his service consist of? Opened by Rev. J. A. Leavell.

The Chairman of the committee on Bible and Colportage work read the report. On motion of Dr. D. O. Baird further discussion of the report was suspended and a resolution was offered to adopt the report on this subject offered by W. L. White at the association four years ago at Arbor Springs. The report reads as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your committee beg leave to report the following: We believe this the most important work now before the association. We believe the Bible should be in every home, and Baptist literature should be distributed throughout the whole country. This is the great need of the day. The people must be educated in Bible doctrine, then will come the spirit of union and the bond of peace.

We recommend that the association use any funds, not otherwise appropriated, in this work; and the funds thus created shall be placed in the hands of the executive committee, and said committee shall co-operate with the State Bible and Colportage Board for the distribution of Bibles, tracts, and other Baptist literature.

We further recommend that each pastor act as special colporteur in his respective field of labor, drawing on said executive committee for sums to begin said work, giving their receipts therefor, and making reports to the committee of progress in the work; and any funds accruing from same shall go to increase said Bible and colportage funds. And we recommend that said executive committee be requested to confer

with the State Colportage Board in reference to utilizing the M. P. Smith fund for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. White, Chairman.

The resolution was adopted and the report of the committee as amended was accepted:

We are in the midst of the fastest and most wicked age of this world and consequently it behooves us as co-workers with Christ to use the most effective means within our reach, in battling against the works of darkness. Hence your committee would present to your just consideration the importance and necessity of a more elaborate plan for the speedy prosecution of the Bible and Colportage work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SMALL, Chmn.

On motion, appointed 9:15, Wednesday morning as the hour for hearing reports on education.

Under the head of miscellaneous business Brother W. C. Bledsoe read a letter from the State Mission Board, which, on motion, was referred to the committee on State Missions. Dr. Baird was added to that committee.

On motion to substitute absent committee, Brethren H. B. Chappell, R. J. O'Bryant, W. T. Walker, were appointed to report on aged and infirm ministers; and Wm. McCullough, A. W. Roland and S. S. Keenum on Sabbath schools.

The committee on preaching reported that Elder J. W. Caldwell would preach at 8 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, and Elder W. C. Bledsoe at same hour on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING 9. A. M.

Fifteen minutes were devoted to a service of song and prayer in which many heartily joined.

Under the head of miscellaneous business, Report on Education was read, and, after discussion, was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

This is a subject which deserves the serious consideration of Baptists all over the State. That we may be thoroughly equipped to contend against the powers of darkness, and wickedness in high places it is incumbent upon us to utilize all the forces that we can command.

Educate, educate, should be our rallying cry. Our sons and daughters must be prepared for the responsibilities of life, and this cannot be done except by carefully storing their minds with useful knowledge and instilling into their lives and hearts those principles that will qualify them for their life's work.

Howard College and the Judson Female Institute offer superior in-

duements for their higher education. They are the property of the Baptists of Alabama, and deserve the liberal support and hearty co-operation of our denomination. Howard College has been in an embarrassed condition, but thanks to a beneficent Providence, and the liberality of many churches and brethren, it has, in a large measure, been relieved; and whilst our people are appealed to, to contribute so far as they can, so that the debt may be wiped out, yet if they will, in addition thereto, fill its halls with their boys the College will move on to a glorious destiny. Talk it among the people, seek out the young and use your influence to get them enrolled upon its roster. Do this and the College is safe beyond doubt. The Judson ought to be filled with Baptist girls from every section of Alabama. Send your daughters there and thus enable the Institute to move forward in its God-given mission.

The Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., is for the special education and training of our rising ministry. Howard College offers excellent advantages to our young preachers.

We deem it proper to suggest to this body our young brother, J. D. Ray, who desires to better prepare himself for the ministry, and that his desire receive the consideration of this body.

J. B. SMALL, Chmn.

The following subscription and cash collection was then taken up for the support of J. D. Ray at Howard College.

H. B. Chappelle	\$ 10 00
D. O. Baird	5 00
M. H. Linebarger(Pd)	2 00
J. B. Small(Pd)	2 00
J. A. Shepherd(Pd)	1 00
R. J. OBryant	2 00
Carrollton church(W. G. R.)	10 00
S. S. Thornton(Pd)	1 00
Pickensville	2 50
Enon	2 50
P. Grove church	2 00
W. P. Chappell	5 00
Kennedy church	5 00
C. W. Free	1 00
G. J. Collins(Pd)	5 00
Mt Zion	2 00
Chalcedony	2 00
Shiloh	5 00
Liberty	5 00
Fellowship	3 00
McBee	2 00
W. Teer(Pd)	1 00
S. Hill L	2 00
Cash P. C	2 00
N. Hope	5 00

On motion, the Misses Duncan were received as delegates from McBee church.

Dr. H. L. Williams read the report on Preparatory School, which was adopted.

REPORT ON PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

We were unable to get the committees together during the interim to consider this question, and the matter was postponed until this meeting of the Association; and now we submit the following: Owing to the general depression in the business of the country, we are of the opinion that

this question be referred to the churches of the Association for their consideration, and that they report fully the result of their action to the next session of this body. Their attention is called to the original resolution adopted at the session of 1894. We urge this course, as we believe it is of vital importance to the success of the undertaking, and because we feel confident that if successful will result in much good to our denomination. We recommend that a standing committee be appointed to take charge of this work, and use their best judgment in carrying out the purpose of this report.

DUKE O. BAIRD, Chm.
H. L. WILLIAMS,
W. G. ROBERTSON.

On motion, referred report on State Missions to the hour of 2:15 p. m.

Elder J. B. Small, for the chairman, having read the report on Home Missions, it was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee begs leave to make the following report: No branch of church work is of more importance or has a wider scope for usefulness than the work that is being now prosecuted by our Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga. The members of this board are devout, consecrated, zealous men who have accomplished great things for the Master in the past, and we believe that by the help of God, greater results will be attained in the future if they receive that financial support from our churches that is necessary to prosecute the work begun. The Home Mission Board is supported by the State Boards of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Its area comprises all the States and territories just mentioned and also New Mexico and the Island of Cuba.

Summary of work for the past conventional year is as follows: Missionaries, 411; baptisms, 5,617, total additions, 13,295; Sunday schools organized, 372; churches constituted, 207; churches built and improved, 238; amount expended on houses of worship, \$86,209. There were not as many missionaries employed as were last year, and the results from the work was not as great as 1895, but greater than that of any preceding year.

One of the most important branches of the Board is the work to reach and Christianize the foreign population that is constantly being dumped into our territory. The great body of alien born residents within the confines of the Board are in the cities of Baltimore, Washington, Covington and Louisville, Ky., St. Louis, Kansas City and New Orleans. The Board has established missions in these places and the work has met generally with very gratifying results.

Another work of this Board is among the Indians in the Indian Territory. The Indian Territory has a population not exceeding 350,000. Here we have 316 churches and 209 native preachers. The work that has been accomplished by the Board in the way of civilizing and evangelizing these wild Indians is simply wonderful to contemplate.

There is nothing that strikes so sympathetic a chord in our hearts or

so challenges our admiration as the mission work established by Rev. A. J. Diaz and his little band of co-workers, under almost unsurmountable difficulties, privations and persecutions in the island of Cuba. The condition of affairs there at this time appeals strongly to our sympathy and prayers. A cruel and relentless war is being waged upon the Island, which has seriously interfered with our mission work. Bro. Diaz was put in prison by the Spaniards and finally banished from the island and the same has been the fate of nearly all of our missionaries there. But who knows but what in the providence of God the Cubans may be able to gain their political freedom and with it will come religious freedom; that Cuba will lift up her gates that the King of Glory may come in?

There are many more departments of work fostered and contemplated by this board, which we will barely mention, such as: church building, Sunday school work, work among the negroes, and Mexicans in New Mexico and the distribution of Bibles, tracts, and good literature. Truly a great work lies out before this Board and great opportunities are presented to it, which it cannot meet hampered by debt and a lack of funds as it is.

Brethren, your committee beg that you will lay the needs of the Home Mission Board upon your hearts; that you will contribute liberally to its support and that our pastors will take collections for it specially during the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. CURRY, Chm.

W. G. Robertson, chairman, read the report on Foreign Missions which was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of Foreign Missions originated in England in 1792, 104 years ago, beginning with the organization of the English Baptist Missionary Society. William Carey, the cobbler and preacher, was the first missionary sent out by this society. The interest grew and developed so that funds were gathered in this country and sent to the English Society. Soon after, two young men in America who were in college preparing for this work, Judson and Rice (Pedo-Baptist) started for India, but while on their voyage, from a closer study of the Scriptures, they became convinced that the Baptists were right and, on their arrival were baptized and united with the Baptists, thus becoming the first American Baptist Missionaries in foreign lands.

In 1814, the "General Missionary Convention of Baptists in the United States was formed, and carried on the work until 1845, when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Augusta, Ga.

This body appointed two Boards, one of which was the Home Board, at Marion, Ala., (now Atlanta, Ga.,) and the other the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va.

This Board meets monthly and except Secretary and Treasurer, receive no pay for their time or labor; and it has the management and supervision of Mission work in Foreign fields.

All applications for this work receive the careful and prayerful consideration of the Board, and none but consecrated and godly men and women are engaged.

Our missionaries are paid monthly and are expected and do give all of their time to the work.

The Board is often embarrassed on account of the dilatory action of our churches and other bodies engaged in collecting funds for this work, and in order to keep unimpaired its credit and to prevent suffering among our missionaries is compelled to negotiate loans by which large amounts in interest are lost annually to the work.

Brethren, this is a shame and ought not to be. As the children of the King of Kings we should be loyal and obedient, fully realizing our obligation to be faithful, prompt, earnest and true in the discharge of the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The fields of labor and statistics as given below are taken from the last annual report of the Board:

China Missions—Canton (begun in 1845); Shanghai (1847); Chinkiang (1880); North China (1863); aggregating, 41 missionaries, 44 native helpers, 19 churches, 1266 members, 152 baptisms, \$2180.35 contributions.

African Missions (begin 1851), Lagos and interior: 6 missionaries, 8 native helpers, 6 churches, 247 members, 51 baptisms, \$457.40 contributions.

Italian Missions (1870)—Rome, Florence and other towns; 3 missionaries, 28 native preachers and colporteurs, 21 churches, 430 members, 79 baptisms, \$643.45 contributions.

Brazilian Missions—Bahia and vicinity (1882); Rio and vicinity (1882); Pernambuco (1889); Campas (1890). Total for Brazil: 11 missionaries, 8 native helpers, 14 churches, 783 members, 273 baptisms, \$2242 contributions.

Mexican Missions (1880): 19 missionaries, 18 native helpers, 37 churches, 1035 members, 177 baptisms, 3 schools.

Japanese Missions (1889): 6 missionaries, 4 native helpers, 1 church, 40 members, 3 baptisms \$20 contributions.

Totals: missionaries, 86; native helpers, 110; churches, 981; members, 3891; baptisms, 735; contributions, \$5,553.20.

We also give a brief summary of Protestant Foreign Missions, which includes all religious denominations in 18 countries of the world, viz: Principal stations, 5955; out stations, 17843; male missionaries, 6355; female missionaries, 5219; native laborers, 70,033; communicants, 1,157,668; income, \$14,441,897.

Contributions in the United States have increased from \$3,125,763 in 1885, to \$5,006,899 in 1895; and the contributions from the whole world for foreign work for the same time have increased from \$9,799,495 to \$14,441,807.

And yet there are Christian men in this enlightened land who are ready to declare that Foreign Missions are a failure, and that it costs too much.

Look at the figures and see if it is true. It is not true, but on the contrary shows that God has, is and will bless His word wherever preached.

He has said: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. What more do we need, what more could we ask? Remember, that every church and individual member thereof will be held to strict account for the manner of discharging the duty incumbent under the Great Commission. May God help us to do our duty.

W. G. ROBERTSON.

Dr. D. O. Baird then preached the missionary sermon, at the close of which a collection was taken, amounting to twenty-one dollars.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother J. D. Ray.

Miscellaneous business—Returned correspondence to the Columbus Association as follows: H. L. Williams, H. B. Chappell, W. J. Beaty, J. B. Small. To the Sipsey: W. H. Smothers, J. B. Small, D. O. Baird, G. W. Kerr.

W. J. Beaty, chairman, read report on State Missions, which, after being amended so as to give the public collection of to-day to Dr. W. C. Bledsoe for his special work, was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions beg leave to report as follows: As this committee appointed at last session of this body are absent and we being unable to make an elaborate report, will state that we deem State Missions of the utmost importance and would urge upon this Association an increased effort on this line. We have carefully considered the letter from the State Mission Board and we recommend that this Association raise for the use of said Board one hundred dollars, said amount to be raised by church and individual pledges. Said pledges to be paid by 1st. of December next.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BEATY, Chmn.

The committee on aged and infirm ministers, through the chairman, Elder H. B. Chappell, reported: That, having made diligent inquiry, they find no minister needing help from the Association, which was adopted.

Committee on deceased ministers and deacons, Elder G. W. Kerr, chairman, was granted more time.

Committee on Documents not being ready was granted time.

Wm. McCullough, chairman, read report for the committee on Sunday schools which was adopted.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to make the following report: We find only 12 churches, reporting schools, and this, your committee believes, clearly demonstrates the fact that the churches do not realize the importance and utility of the Sabbath school cause. Is it not lamentably true that many Baptist parents do not believe the scripture injunction train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old

he will not depart theretrom? Heaven and earth will fail before that Scripture proves false. Then who is responsible for the lawlessness so prevalent among the youth of the land? Christian parents, in God's name, we implore you to look with an eye of scrutiny to the environments of your children. When we, as parents, do this, we will hear no more of perjury, and the youth of the land will, if necessary, swear to their own hurt.

W.M. McCULLOUGH, Chm.

The report on publications, as adopted by the Association, was as follows:

PUBLICATIONS.

The publications of the world have made the men and nations of the earth. There is no more potent instrument in the world for shaping character than thoughts which have been written out and printed in form convenient for distribution. Shakespeare and Burns have done more to shape the destiny of the British Isles than all other influences combined except the Bible. A land without a literature is a country but one step removed from barbarism. The writings of Tom Paine and others like him have excelled all other things in bringing moral and religious ruin upon France, which makes it doubtful whether it would not be better if France were yet in barbarism. What may be said of individuals and nations may be truly said of families. A family without good books and periodicals is a family in whose minds the devil most readily sets up his workbench and begins to fashion men for evil and jails, penitentiaries and finally for hell. Seeing these things are so, father, mother, are you doing your duty in supplying your family with good, elevating ennobling literature? We want to recommend to you the Alabama Baptist first because it is our state organ, second, because it, if read, will help you to meet the demands made upon you in rearing your family for home, country and God.

The Texas Baptist Standard published at Waco, Tex., The Baptist and Reflector, at Nashville, Tenn., are also worthy of your patronage.

M. G. LOFTON, Chm.

On motion, took up a subscription for State Missions to be paid first of December, which resulted as follows: Bethlehem, \$5.00; Fellowship, \$5.00; Spring Hill, Lamar, \$2.00; Millport, \$2.00; Kennedy, \$5.00; Pleasant Grove, \$2.00; Arbor Springs, \$5.00; Mineral Springs, \$2.00; Oak Ridge, \$2.50; Spring Hill, Pickens, \$5.00; Hebron, \$2.00; Big Creek, \$3.00; Pickensville, \$2.50; Carrollton, \$10.00; Ebenezer, \$1.00; Unity, \$5.00; Enon, \$2.50; Mt. Zion, \$2.50; Forest, \$2.50; Shiloh, \$2.00; New Hope, \$5.00; Zion, \$1.00; Chalcedony, \$3.00; McBee, \$3.00.

The chairman, G. W. Kerr, of the committee on deceased ministers and deacons, then read his report, which, on motion, was adopted.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

After having examined the letters of the various churches of the Association, we ascertain the sad and serious fact that we have since the last meeting of our Association sustained the loss of one of our deacons, Bro. J. F. Pearson, of Millport church. Also the loss of our minister and dearly beloved brother, J. S. Wooten, of Spring Hill, Lamar. Our loss is Heaven's gain. May the Lord bless, comfort and shield the bereaved of the deceased.

G. W. KERR, Chmn.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Bro. Caldwell led the service of song and of prayer.

Under miscellaneous business the following business was transacted.

The report of the committee on Documents was reported and adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee beg leave to report. From the letters of the various churches we find that some of them have had precious revivals and a number of souls have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ. And we find a considerable increase in the membership of the Union Baptist Association since the last report. Cornelius Chapel and Flat Woods churches were admitted to the membership of this Association and assigned to the 4th district.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WILLIAMS, Chm.

The following resolution was introduced by Elder J. B. Small: Resolved, that this Association request the pastors to preach on the subject of missions and take up regular collections therefor during the winter months of next the associational year. Adopted.

The committee on Nomination through their chairman, W. H. Smothers, made report, which, after slight amendment as to time, was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The next introductory sermon by G. W. Kerr, Alternate, J. B. Small, Missionary sermon by D. O. Baird, Alternate, J. A. Estes. Sermon on Communion and how administered, by M. G. Lofton. The next session of the Association will be held with Spring Hill church, Pickens county beginning on Tuesday before the first Sunday in Sept. 1897, and continuing three days

Fraternally,

W. H. SMOTHERS, Chm.

The chairman of the committee on Orphan's Home, Jas. G. Thornton, being absent, at his request, the report was read by another brother and, on motion, was adopted.

ON ORPHAN'S HOME

Your committee beg leave to make this, the first, and following report on the Orphan's Home: This home was permanently located at Evergreen two years ago last November, and the property purchased at a cost of five thousand dollars. This property is now free from debt. The entire lot of eighty acres has been made to be of special benefit to the Home. In this Home has been received 23 boys and 31 girls, and out of it has gone by adoption 10 boys and 13 girls, into good private homes; by apprenticeship 2 boys. These children attend the Agriculture school, where they are being trained for usefulness in after life. They are regularly brought in church and Sunday school. They are kept under strict, yet loving control in the Orphanage. We are happy to report that 8 of the above number have been brought to Christ. Owing to the limited facilities of the Home, many applicants have been denied. As there is a pressing need for additional room, we appeal to this body and the churches composing the same for a contribution to relieve this much felt want of this great institution. Not only this, but that the comfort of those already there may be made better. We consider this great enterprise second to none fostered by our denomination. Therefore, in the name of Christ, we ask you to help.

JAS. G. THORNTON, Chm.

An extended report on Temperance was read by Chairman Jas. D. Ray, and, after much profitable discussion was adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is one of the greatest evils with which the church of Jesus Christ has to combat. Temperance in all things is enjoined, but what mostly concerns us is the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage. The liquor traffic has become an overwhelming and deadly evil, social, moral and political, and we doubt whether there is a greater impediment to the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ than the saloon. In America, which is enshrined in story and song as the land of the free and the home of the brave, we have 250,000 of these murder mills, that feed and thrive and fatten on the destroyed souls and bodies of the youth and manhood of our land. Beyond question there are destroyed annually more than a hundred thousand human lives. Not only has the liquor traffic become the one gigantic social evil, but it demands the right to dominate and control the polities of our country. Instead of the reign of the upright, honorable citizen, we find that our polities are, in large part, controlled by the saloon bum, the distiller and wholesale liquor dealer. The liquor traffic is indeed the foulest serpent that ever slimed up out of the red hot fires of hell, and it has fastened its tentacles on the home, the school, the church, the city, the state, the nation, the cradle and the grave. There is no hamlet within our land where it has not caused the voice of mourning and the new made graves of the murdered dead are the mute but awful evidences of havoc it has wrought. And to encourage the liquor traffic is like planting the deadly ipsas tree at the gate of every home in this land. It is like asking our mothers and their little ones to march into the valley of death and to the gate of hell. Your committee can be of but one mind concerning the attitude that we should occupy towards the liquor traffic in all its phases. It should be an attitude of aggressive, constant, active and unceasing hostility to the whole traffic, root and

branch, in its manufacture, sale and consumption; and we should never rest until the entire iniquitous system is buried with no hope of resurrection. We would further recommend that it be a chief aim among us to discourage the traffic by our own total abstinence and by discountenancing the business through the unpurchased and unpurchasable balaots of American freemen. We would further recommend that the churches should not tolerate dram drinking or countenance the signing of petitions by church members for men to deal out the damnable poison which will ruin our country, destroy moral purity and virtues and sap the fairest fruits of creation, and murder the souls of men and hurl them headlong down the precipice of darkness and despair. O! God, deliver us from this curse and save us from the horrors of this great evil which drags us down to the level of brutes and causes us to curse our God and murder our fellow man.

JAS. D. RAY, Chm

A sermon, subject, Baptism, its mode and design, was preached by M. G. Lofton.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The service of praise and invocation was conducted by the Moderator, W. G. Robertson. Nothing was done under the head of miscellaneous business.

The Moderator read the following standing committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—Rev. J. D. Ray, R. J. O'Bryant, J. T. Keating.

TEMPERANCE—Elder J. B. Small, J. W. Park, W. P. Chappell.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL—Elder D.O. Baird, M. L. Stansel, W. T. Walker, H. L. Williams, Robt. H. Foster.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—Elder. M. G. Lofton, J. R. Long, Jr., Eddie Ferguson.

ORPHAN'S HOME—W. P. Peden, John Upchurh, J. T. Craft.

STATE MISSIONS—Elder G. W. Kerr, S. S. Thornton, H. G. Mitchell.

HOME MISSIONS—John H. Stinson, W. P. Owings, T. H. Sanders.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Dr. H. L. Williams, C. W. Free, Jno. R. Long.

EDUCATION—Elder M. G. Lofton, M. B. Curry, J. S. Free.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE—Elder H. B. Chappell, Enoch Easterling, G. B. Coleman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—W. C. Mayes, C. A. Beasley, J. M. Smith.

Chairman S. S. Thornton read the report on apportionment, which was adopted.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee beg leave to report the following:

Bethlehem	\$10 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 00
Fellowship	9 00
Kennedy	20 00
Pleasant Grove	5 00
Arbor Springs	16 00
Oak Ridge	7 00
Hebron	11 00

Cross Roads			6.50
Carrollton			55.09
Unity			14.50
Mt. Zion			10.00
Forest			21.00
Chalcedony			5.00
Bethel			59.09
Zion			3.00
Liberty			10.09
Millport			9.09
Spring Hill L. Co.			12.50
New Salem			5.00
McBee			5.00
Mineral Springs			12.00
Spring Hill P. Co.			14.09
Big Creek			15.00
Pickensville			35.00
Ebenezer			9.00
Pno n			22.00
Erairie			20.00
Shiloh			11.00
Beulah			40.00
New Hope			20.00
Grants Creek			54.00
Hickory Grove			3.00
Flatwoods			5.00
Cornelius Chapel			1.50
Total			563.00

Respectfully,

S. S. THORNTON, Chm.

The report on Finance, read by chairman W. P. Owings, was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee has received from all sources as follows:

For General Mission Fund, Vouchers,	\$ 40.26	Cash,	—	\$ 40.26
" State Missions,	" 138.82	"	6.48—	145.30
" Home Missions	" 47.85	"	9.09—	56.94
" Foreign Missions	" 58.78	"	5.38—	64.16
" Ministerial Education	" 14.22	"	16.91—	61.13
" Orphanage	" 64.03	"	3.03—	63.03
" Howard College	" 22.35	"	4.00—	26.35
" Greensboro Church	" 34.85	"	—	34.85
Total for General Mission accts.	447.16	"	4.86—	492.02
" Minutes	"	"	40.90—	40.90
Associational purposes	"	"	15.81—	15.81
Total for all purposes Vouchers	\$ 447.16	"	\$101.57	\$548.73

This includes \$5.20 for Beulah and \$5.00 from Bethel churches in Foreign Mission column for Mrs. Bostick, \$4.00 from individuals at Enon for Howard College, and \$3.16, excess of cash, which we cannot account for, and which we have applied to the fund for Bro. J. D. Ray.

For report in detail we refer to accompanying financial table.

W. P. OWINGS, Chm.

The Colporteur and missionary, Elder G. W. Kerr, and Secretary of Executive Board, W. G. Robertson, read their reports, which were adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Association at its last session, your committee arranged to put Elder Geo. W. Kerr in the field for three months as Missionary Colporteur, at a salary of \$33.33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per month of 25 days service.

Bro. Kerr entered upon the work about the 1st of June and has performed the duties required of him as best he could, considering the many obstacles with which he had to contend, some without and some within.

This has been a year of confusion and unrest and the work has not been what we desired and prayed for. The great scarcity of money and the exciting political campaign through which we have just passed have conspired largely to cramp and cripple the work. There are some, doubtless, who will rise up and proclaim that it was a failure; but we will have these with us unto the end. We should not let any of these things discourage us, but arise in the might of Israel's God and bend all of our powers in the work of spreading the gospel of Christ until His kingdom comes. We have nothing to fear if the Lord be on our side. They that be for us are more than they that be against us.

The report of Bro. Kerr is hereto appended under Exhibit "A." The Secretary's report will appear under the head of Exhibit "B," and will be consolidated with the report of your Finance committee; and he asks leave to do this after the adjournment, and in time for the minutes.

Fraternally

W. G. ROBERTSON,

M. L. STANSEL,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Chairman.

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR AND EVANGELIST.

As your Evangelist and Colporteur, I wish to make the following report:

I have visited all of the churches in the association except three, and have rendered such service as I thought would be most beneficial. Have performed three months and twelve days labor; and in doing so I have traveled 682 miles, visited 221 families, sold 95 copies of Bibles, Testaments and other religious literature; made 118 prayers; preached 57 sermons; organized one Sabbath school and one prayer meeting; procured two new subscribers and one renewal for Alabama Baptist, and two new subscribers for Foreign Journal; collected \$51.95 for missions.

While the work has not been as prosperous perhaps as some expected yet I think that we have great cause to rejoice for what has been done. In connection with my labor there have been 26 accessions to the churches, for all of which God is due the praise. While I find in all parts of the association, good, earnest workers in the cause of Christ, there are others who manifest but very little interest in the great and glorious work of evangelizing the world. Oh, let there be more energy, zeal and spirituality, then there will be more liberality. Let us awake out of sleep, for now is our eternal salvation nearer than when we believed. There are some churches without pastors, therefore pray ye, "The Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard, for the harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few."

I now desire to return the sincere gratitude of my heart to the Executive Committee and many others for their kindness shown me in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. KERR.

The following business was transacted under the head of miscellaneous business.

On motion, the present Executive Board and officers, were continued for the ensuing year.

The following resolution was introduced by Dr. D. O. Baird and adopted by the Association:

RESOLVED: That the clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes, receive twenty dollars out of the associational and minute fund for his services, and send the remainder to Orphan's Home.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLVED: That the heartfelt gratitude of this Association be tendered Kennedy church and community for their kind and unstinted hospitality towards us during our stay among them.

M. G. LOFTON.

The roll of minutes was then called, and after adjournment, the parting hand was given and the closing invocation offered by Dr. D. O. Baird.

M. G. LOFTON,
Clerk,

W. G. ROBERTSON,
Moderator.

STATISTICAL TABLE, UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Meetings.....	PASTORS	CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES	
			Present membership.....	
Bethlehem.....	72	4 D. O. Baird.....	T. B. Branch, Coalfire, Ala.	
Liberty.....	91	2 D. O. Baird.....	S. P. Sloane, Reform, "	
Mt. Pleasant, Fellowship.....	55 3	1 S. E. Hodge.....	W. W. Hall, Gordo, "	
Spring Hill, L., Millport	58 11 5	5 4 2 J. A. Estes.....	R. F. Johnson, Reform, "	
Kennedy.....	27	2 1 1 D. O. Baird.....	G. B. Coleman, Gentry, "	
New Salem	57 6 3	2 1 1 D. O. Baird.....	G. S. Keenum, Millport, "	
Pleasant Grove	26 13	5 5 1 J. M. Chism.....	W. H. Smothers, Kennedy, "	
McBee.....	29	2 1 1 O. E. Wootten.....	J. M. Pratt, Reform, "	
Arbor Spring..	125 1 2	2 1 1 D. O. Baird.....	J. R. Rich'dson, Kennedy, "	
Mineral Spring	71	1 1 1 J. B. Small.....	J. S. Cole, McBee, "	
Oak Ridge,	13 2 2	2 1 1 J. P. Lee.....	J. A. Rich'dson, Reform, "	
Spring Hill, P., Hebron.....	38 1 15	3 1 1 J. P. Lee.....	R. J. OBryant, P'idence, "	
Big Creek.....	82	1 1 1 M. G. Lofton.....	H. L. Williams, Dunb'r, Miss.	
Cross Roads.....	42	1 1 1 M. G. Lofton.....	T. P. Harper, Pick'ville, Ala.	
Hickory Grove	34	1 1 1 M. G. Lofton.....	J. Pearson, Carrollton, "	
Pickensville,	43 2 1	1 1 1 M. G. Lofton.....	H. B. Chappell, Dillonrg, "	
Carrollton,	55	1 1 1 M. G. Lofton.....	J. S. Adams, Carrollton, "	
Ebenezer,	55	1 1 1 M. G. Lofton.....	J. A. Stimpson, Stafford, "	
Unity,	76	2 1 1 M. G. Lofton.....	W. C. Long, Pickensville, "	
Enon,	59	1 1 1 M. G. Lofton.....	M. B. Curry, Carrollton, "	
Mount Zion,	38 2	4 1 1 M. G. Thornton.....	J. A. McDaniel Byars, "	
Prairie.....	68	1 1 1 J. D. Cook.....	W. W. Maughan, Ohney, "	
Forest,	85	6 1 1 M. G. Lofton.....	T. H. Sanders, Garden, "	
Shiloh,	63 27 10	2 3 1 M. G. Lofton.....	J. W. Colvin, Bethany, "	
Chaledony.....	97	28 10 1 J. D. Hamner.....	C. E. Upchurch, W. Green, "	
Bethel.....	240	6 1 2 J. H. Curry.....	John Upchurch, B'vola, "	
Benlah,	165 3 1	7 1 5 J. D. Cook.....	W. C. McCraeken, Boom, "	
New Hope,	71	3 1 6 J. T. Bealle.....	J. D. Marquis, Cokers, "	
Zion.....	13	1 1 4 J. H. Curry.....	J. W. Park, Hickman, "	
Grant's Creek	119	1 1 4 J. H. Curry.....	E. W. Hend'son Knoxville, "	
Cornel's Chapel .....	.....	23 1 1 J. D. Hamner.....	J. R. Partrich, Romulus, "	
Flatwoods....	.....	1 1 1 J. H. M. Anders.....	T. W. Malone, Raleigh, "	
Totals	2259 86 36 1 4 94 29 8 25 2060	.....	R. H. Foster, Sylvan, "	
		.....	N. S. Montgomery, Cokers, "	
		.....	T. J. Bunker, Raleigh, "	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	
Bethlehem	Gen. Miss... V*
Liberty	State Miss... C
Mt. Pleasant.....	Home Miss... A
Fellowship.....	Home Miss... C
Sur'g Hill (L. C.)	Port'n Miss... C
Milport.....	Min't Ed'n... V
Kennedy.....	Orphanage... V
New Salem	Howard Col... A
Pleasant Grove	Greensboro... V
McBee	Minutes... C
Arbor Spring	Association... C
Min 'n Spring	Total in Cash... .
Oak Ridge	Total Vouchers...
Spr'g Hill (P. C.)	
Hebron	
Big Creek	
Cross Roads	
Hickory Grove	
Pickensville	
Carrollton	
Ebenezer	
Unity	
Emon	
Mt Zion	
Prairie	
Forest	
Smiton	
Chatechony	
Bethel	
Beulah	
New Hope	
Zion	
Flatwoods	
Cornelius Chapel	
Grant' Creek	
Publ' Co'l'n Col. for Ray	
1st. District	
2nd. District	
Totals	

* In the foregoing headings "C" indicates Cash; and "V", vouchers.

M. G. Lofton in account with Union Baptist Association:

Dr. To cash received from Finance Committee.....	\$101 57
Cr. By cash paid Executive Board.....	\$44 86
Printing and distributing Minutes.....	30 00
Clerk's fee.....	20 00
Paid Orphan's Home.....	6 71

Total..... \$101 57

NAMES OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN THIS ASSOCIATION WITH
THEIR POST-OFFICES.

D. O. Baird.....	Coaltire, Pickens County, Alabama.				
J. A. Estes.....	" " "	"	"	"	"
H. B. Chappell.....	Diltburgh,	"	"	"	"
J. S. Wooten*.....	Gentry, Lainar	"	"	"	"
W. J. Beaty.....	Kennedy,	"	"	"	"
J. P. Lee.....	Pickensville, Pickens	"	"	"	"
M. G. Lofton.....	Archer,	"	"	"	"
J. S. Shirley.....	Raleigh	"	"	"	"
J. G. Thornton.....	Olney,	"	"	"	"
J. B. Small.....	Carrollton,	"	"	"	"
J. D. Hamner.....	Romulus, Tuskaloosa	"	"	"	"
J. H. M. Anders.....	" "	"	"	"	"
J. D. Ray*.....	Boom,	"	"	"	"
J. L. Ray.....	" "	"	"	"	"
G. W. Kerr.....	Reform, Pickens	"	"	"	"
W. P. Peden*.....	Olney,	"	"	"	"
Ordained Ministers.....					13
*Licentiates.....					3